

Please note that the monthly water usage shown above was estimated based on last month's usage. The weather during the last week of December created icy, unsafe conditions for reading meters.

New tiered rates for sprinkler meters: To encourage water conservation through measures that reduce water demand, water losses, peak water demands, and nonessential water uses, beginning this year the same tiered, conservation rate structure used for water meters will be used for sprinkler meters as well. The 2013 rate for all water usage is as follows:

\$12.61 Base Rate * \$3.02/1000 gallons (0-10,000) * \$3.77/1000 gallons (10,001-20,000) * \$4.70/1000 gallons (20,001-30,000) * \$7.02/1000 gallons (30,001 +)

Based on 2012 usage, this rate structure will have little impact for the 60% of accountholders that used 10,000 gallons or less through their sprinkler meters. Those using more than 10,000 gallons will see a price increase, depending on water usage through their sprinkler meters. Residents may request to have their sprinkler meters read more than once and/or set-up a payment plan for the sprinkler meter usage. The benefit of the sprinkler meter remains that no sewer charges are calculated for the water through the sprinkler meter. Please contact City Hall at 523-2257 for resources on ways to conserve indoor and outdoor water usage or if you have any questions on how the sprinkler meter rate change may impact your own sprinkler meter charges.

Websites with water-saving tips:

<http://www.drinktap.org/home/water-information/conservation/straight-talk-on-conservation.aspx>

<http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/>